



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO HEALTH AGENCY

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PRESS RELEASE

Assembly Bill 800 Notification

DATE: January 31, 2016
TO: LOCAL NEWS MEDIA

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Operator, (805) 431-7148.

Background: Pursuant to AB 800 the local health officer and the director of environmental health shall immediately notify the public of a discharge of a hazardous substance or sewage to the waters of the state if it is necessary to safeguard public health and safety.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following report was received from the following person or entity on the date set forth below:

REPORTING PERSON OR ENTITY NAME: Matt Cyester, San Luis Obispo City Wastewater Collections Operator

ADDRESS: 879 Morro Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

PHONE: 805-431-7148

SUBSTANCE OF REPORT:

DESCRIPTION

On January 31, 2016, San Luis Obispo County Environmental Health Services was notified of that approximately 13,500 gallons of sewage was released from a manway due to an overflow of the mainline near 81 Broad Street, San Luis Obispo. The release impacted Garden Creek. The cause of the overflow has not yet been determined. A representative from San Luis Obispo County Environmental Health

was on scene to assure appropriate measures were taken to eliminate contamination from the area.

The Health Officer of San Luis Obispo County has made the following determinations:

- ☐ The reporting person or entity is considered to be reliable and the Health Officer has been unable to make an independent investigation.
- ☒ After investigation, the Health Officer draws the following conclusions with respect to the report: The information from the San Luis Obispo City Wastewater Collections Operation has been diligently reported. Health advisory signs have been posted at three locations at Avila Beach.

Identity of Hazardous Wastes and toxic compounds Involved:

- ☐ None found at location on _____ (Date).
- ☐ Suspected hazardous waste, identity unknown pending further testing.
- ☐ Hazardous waste containing the following constituents and concentrations:
- ☒ Sewage

Legality of Discharge:

- ☐ Illegal
- ☐ Legal
- ☒ No determination possible because: Regional Water Quality Control Board has the authority over this question.

Likelihood that the discharge would be injurious to public health or safety:

- ☐ Likely:
- ☒ Unlikely: The sewage spill was responded to by San Luis Obispo City Wastewater personnel who cleaned and sanitized the area and are determining the cause of the overflow. Due to current rain, the creek has abundant water flow.

☐ No determination possible at this time because:

Linnea Faulkner for Dr. Penny Borenstein
COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER

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Board of Supervisors

